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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

v.

Angel Lopez

Defendant.

Case: 1:20-cr-00241-TLN-BAM

**MOTION TO UNSEAL TRANSCRIPT
OF *MARSDEN* HEARING; ORDER**

COMES NOW Defendant Angel Lopez hereby moves this Honorable Court for an Order to unseal the transcript of the *Marsden* hearing held on July 25, 2025 currently ordered under seal in this case. (Dkt.459)

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 8, 2025, Defendant Lopez was found guilty by jury. (Dkt.444) and subsequently field a motion for a new trial on July 18, 2025. (Dkt.457)

On August 12, 2025, Defendant Lopez requested and was granted a *Marsden* hearing August 25, 2025. (Dkt.459)

On September 3, 2025, the undersigned counsel was appointed to represent Mr. Lopez.

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ARGUMENT

As part of the motion strategy, the undersigned counsel and Mr. Lopez discussed the theory of the motion for the new trial. During those conversations, the undersigned counsel had learned that certain evidence came out during the *Marsden* hearing that supports Defendant's allegations and theory for the motion for new trial. According to Mr. Lopez, his previously attorney had admitted to a number of investigative failures that directly support Mr. Lopez's theory for the motion for a new trial.

ORDER

Good cause having been presented, the Court GRANTS Defendant's motion to unseal the Marsden hearing transcript conducted on August 25, 2025. The transcript shall be released only to defense counsel.

IT IS SO FOUND AND ORDERED this 26th day of November, 2025.



Troy L. Nunley
Chief United States District Judge